

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 2, 6 and 31 are currently pending. Claims 2, 6 and 31 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,013,494.

In response, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer signed by the Attorney of Record. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,013,494 and the instant application are commonly owned. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the non-statutory double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging withdrawal of previously traversed rejections. Applicants also confirm that all references cited on the IDS have been or will be provided to the Examiner for full consideration.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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